Continuation of Price Reimbursement Scheme for Engineering Goods Exporters

3514. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a)"whether it is a fact that the international price reimbursement scheme for exporters of engineering goods is to be continued;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Finance was not in favour of continuation of the scheme; and

(c) if so, on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) International Price Reimbursement Srheme (IPRS) has been discontinued for exports from 1st April, 1994.

(b) and (c) The Government decided to discontinue IPRS as no viable means of funding the scheme was available.

Trade Delegations Sponsored by Ministry of Commerce

3515. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether his Ministry sponsors trade
delegations for the promotion to trade in addition to the trade delegations spon sored by different Export Promotion Councils;

(b) if so, how many such delegations were sponsored by his Ministry and the countries they have visited during 1993-94;

(c) what are the criteria for selecting members for such delegations; and

(d) the names of the members of such delegations?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

Ministry of Commerce sponsors trade delegations for promotion of trade in addition to the trade delegations sponsored by different Export Promotion Councils, whenever such a need is felt by the Ministry. Members of the delegtions are selected keeping in view their export performances and issues to be discussed during the visit of the delegation on going export/import project of Indian Companies in these countries etc. The details of members of such delegations and the countries they have visited are as follows:

Members of Delegation	Countries
1. Shri B.P. Misra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce led a delegation comprising representative of Ministry of External Affairs. Deptt. of Economic Affairs and Reserve Bank of India.	The Baltic States (Latvia, Lithuvania, Estonia and Poland).
2. Shri B.P. Misra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce in an Inter-Ministerial Delegation led by Department of Economic Affairs.	Moscow.
3. Shri Kamaluddin Ahmed, Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce, Shri A.K. Goswami, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Shri H.P. Barooah. Chairman. ITA, Shri Kirti Patel, Managing Director, M/s. Manibhai & Co.., Shri Abhiit Majumdar, General Manager, (Tea Export), TATA Tea, Shri Pravin Bhansali, Managing Director, M/s. Shantilal &. Bhansali, Shri Deepak Atal, Director, M/s. Duncan Agro. Shri Karan Paul. Director. Assam Frontier. Mr. K. Abedullah, Executive Director (Tea), M/s. Harrison Malayalam, Mr. Mumtaz Ahmed. McLeod Russel. Mr. Aiit Thomas, President UPASI.	U.K., France Polland and Germany.
4. Shri Kamaluddin Ahmed, Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce led a delegation consisting of Shri G.P. Rao, the then Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Shri Raghav Chandra, Deputy	Qater and UAE.

Members of Delegation	Countries
Secretary, Ministry of Commerce. Shri Gokul Fatnaik, Chairman, APED A, Shri T. Hassan, Resident Director, ESSAR Group New Delhi, Shri Suresh Sabharwal, President, Indian Meat and Livestock Exporters. Exporters Association based in UAE and Shri Tej Singh Anand, Vice President, Mukand Ltd., Bombay.	
S. Shri Ashok Jha, Joint Secretary Mjnistry of Commerce, led a, delegation with Shri Deb Nath Shaw, Deputy Secretary Ministry of External Affairs, Shri P.G. Iyenga, Director (Commerce), Kudremukh Iron Ore Ltd.,- Bangalore, Shri M.JC. Jalan, Director, Keventer Agro Ltd., Calcutta, Shri Vishwanath, M/s. Nath Bros. Exim International Ltd., N Delhi, Shri R. Rajamani, Pennar Steels Ltd., Hyderabad.	Taiwan.
Shri Sridhar Reddy, Managing Director, Fishing Falcons Ltd., Hydarabad, Shri R.K. Verma, Member SOPA, Indore Shri Kailash Anand, Sanspareils Greenland (P) Ltd., Meerut, Shri J. Bhandari, Chairman SOPA, Indore, Shri E. Gomes, Managing Director Unique Valves Ltd., Pune, Shri Sukhdev Raj, Managing Director, Victor Tools Pvt. Ltd., lalandhar and Shri A. Sondhi, Manager, MMTC Ltd., Tokyo Japan.	

Fraud Case in Coffee Curing Works

3516. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many coffee curing works arc involved in fraud case of coffee stocks of Coffee Board;

(b) what is the total amount involved in such cases; and

(c) the names of such coffee curing works and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) There are four coffee curing works involved in fraud cases of coffee stocks of Coffee Board.

(b) the total amount involved in these cases is estimated to be Rs. 2,96,94,034.

(c) The names of the coffee curing works involved in fraud cases of coffee stocks of Coffee Board are as follows:—

(i) M/s. L.R. Rangaier Coffee Curing Works, Calicut.

(ii) M/s. Coffee Curing & Export Company (KOPPA) Ltd., Kushalnagar.

(iii) M/s. Hemavathi Coffee Works, Hassan.

(iv) M/s. Kodagu Coffee Curing Works, Kushalnagar. Action taken in respect of these cases: is follows:—

(i) M/s. L.R. Rangaier Coffee Curing Works, Calicut: While on amount of Rs. 19.40 lakhs has already been recovered from the curers, the Coffee Board has filed petition before the Kerala High Court claiming the balance dues of Rs. 61.84 lakhs from the curers.

(ii) M/s. Coffee Curing & Export Company (KOPPA) Ltd., Kushalnagar: The amount involved in defalcation is being recovered in 24 monthly instalments commencing from January, 1993 with interest.

(iii) M/s. Hemavathi Coffee Curing Works, Hassan: A sum of Rs. 7.68 lakhs has been recovered from this company and for the balance amount of Rs. 1.25 crores, the coffee ' Board has failed a civil suit in the High Court of Karnataka which is pending disposal.